



Camps 2023

Exploration Topics

Free Time Ideas



*To use our Time to the fullest,
we can organize an entire single day off,
focusing only on affordable and creative
ways to Discover the area. There are
plenty of Exploration Opportunities
around – here are some of them. We can
have a brainstorm, pick and mix them
to create a tailor-made day off together.*



Exploration Ideas



Amber Hunt
Night Escapades
with UV light



HANDS-ON
Amber Workshop
Polish your pieces
and find inclusions
in amber processing lab



Moth Party!
Crazy entomological
experiment



Get Lost
In the biggest
Hornbeam labyrinth
of the world



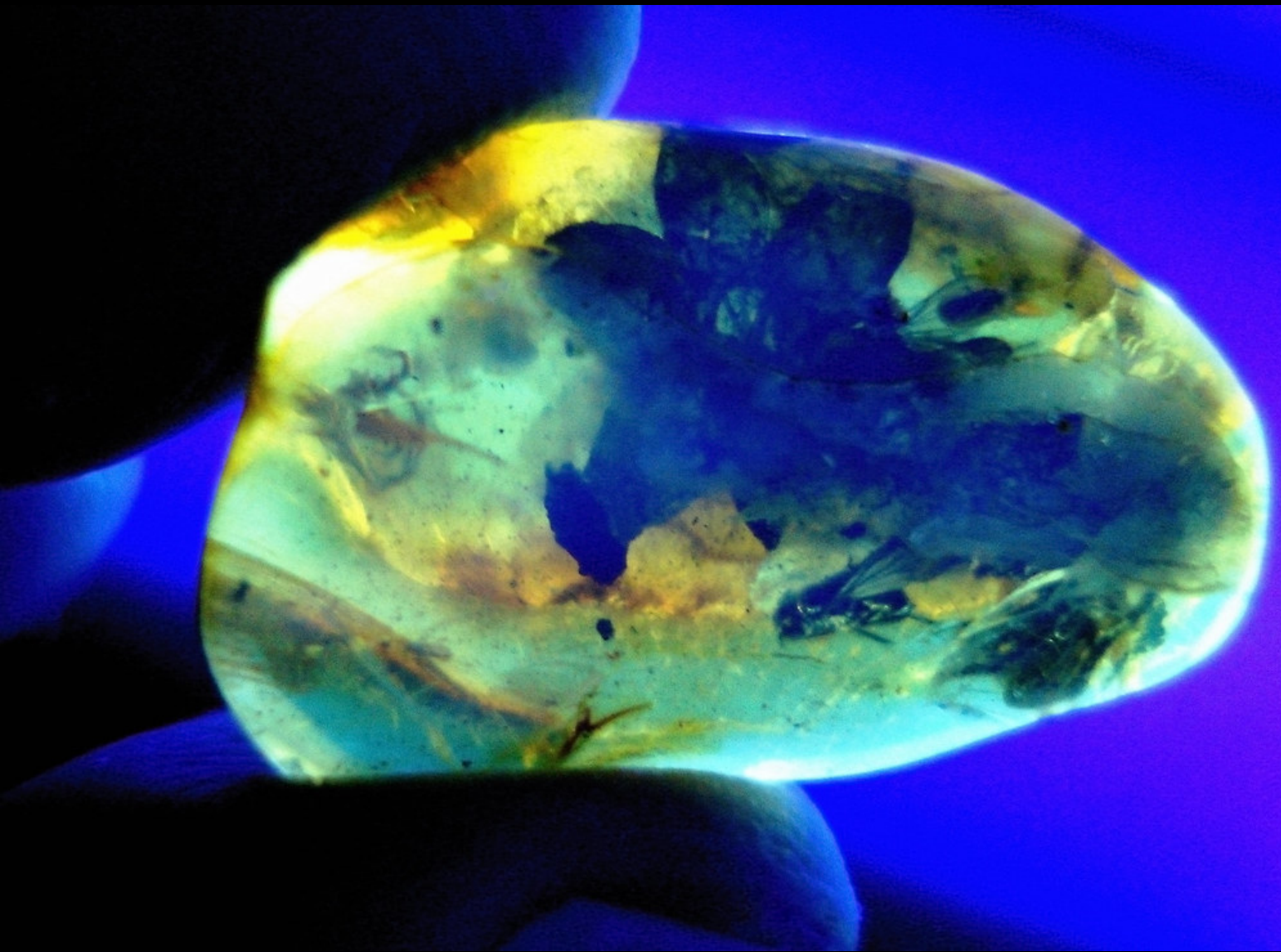
Potato Statue
in the middle
of nowhere

Not everyone knows...

... that Baltic Amber glows yellow-green in UV light. That's because it contains various aromatic hydrocarbons that have such properties. This fact has been widely used by amateur and professional Amber Hunters.

World in UV light, called also Blacklight, looks very different from normal. Moss is red, campfire ash is violet, pine resin is green, even pee glows too!

Equipped with our massive professional UV torch we can have a night walk in the forest. After the storm we can also visit the seashore. There's quite a chance to find big amber pieces in the water or washed out on the sand. Weather permitting.



Amber Processing Workshop

in Gdansk offers a very niche and hands-on opportunity to gain rare practical skills.

You can do an in-depth investigation of specimens that you found on the beach. You will learn how to look for inclusions and distinguish them with microscope, as well as how to use specialized machinery to examine and expose them.

Immerse yourself in Interdisciplinary Science, embracing Botany, Entomology, Geology and Palaeontology into One, using a truly practical approach.

This workshop and its employees have been featured in David Attenborough BBC Natural World series – a fragment is available to watch on our website.



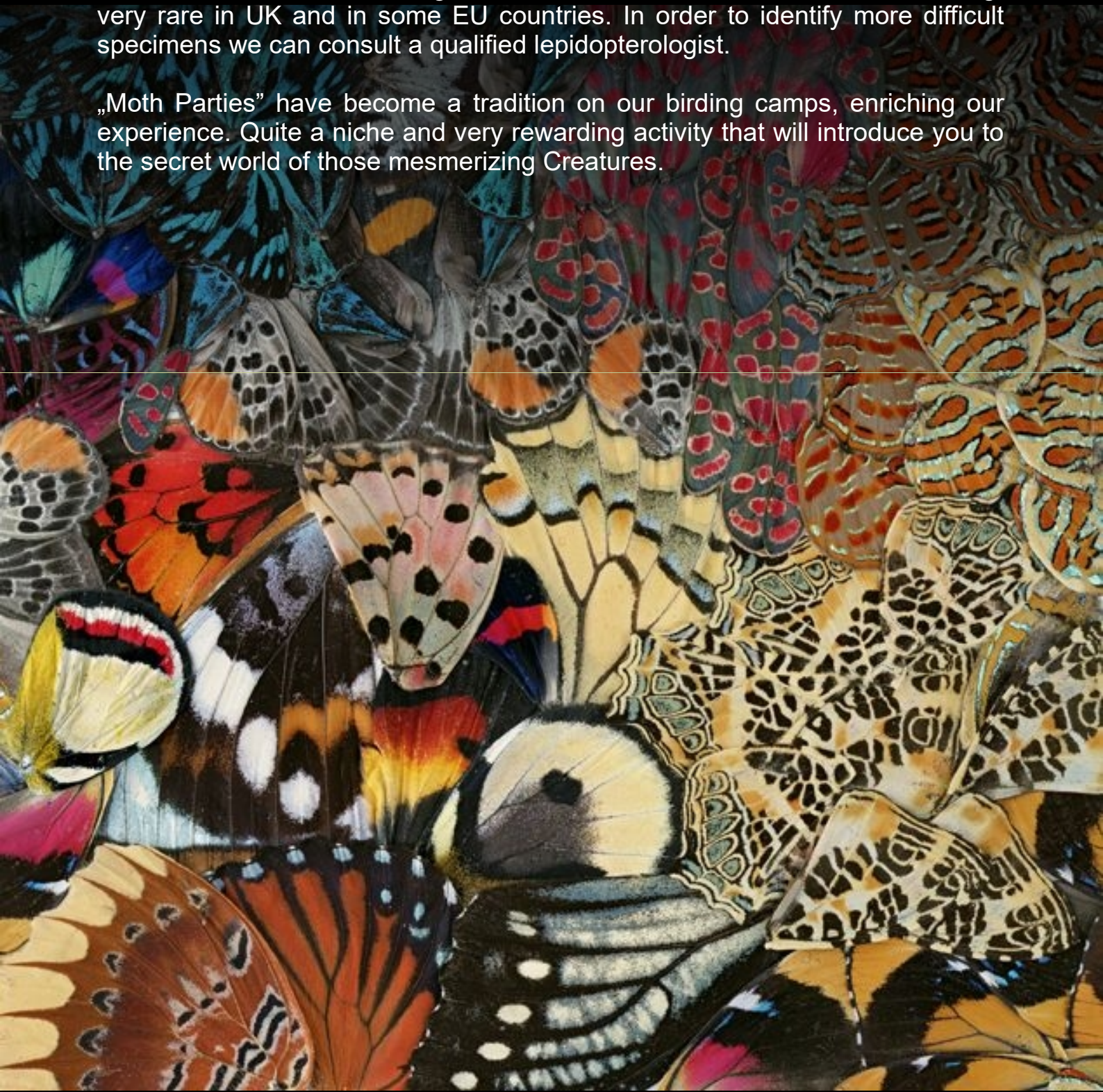
Moth Party!

... is another crazy idea.

Do you know that moths like to drink cheap wine? We can make use of this fact to prepare a moth bait and spread it on the bark of a tree at dusk. Then, after some time, we can check who's joined the Party!

Beautiful Arches, Angleshade or Hebrew Character sound like some crazy magical spells but actually they are names of some species that we can encounter. There is also a big chance to attract the massive Blue Underwing, very rare in UK and in some EU countries. In order to identify more difficult specimens we can consult a qualified lepidopterologist.

„Moth Parties” have become a tradition on our birding camps, enriching our experience. Quite a niche and very rewarding activity that will introduce you to the secret world of those mesmerizing Creatures.



The Labyrinth of Curiosities

Hortulus Spectabilis is a massive complex of thematic gardens, floral sculptures, orchards and rosaria, covering about 8 hectares.

The central element is the living labyrinth made of 18 000 hornbeam specimens 2 meters tall. The total length of its intricate corridor system is around 3.5 km making it the largest hornbeam labyrinth worldwide!

This is the place of unleashed Creativity, where various unique ideas are brought to life, including the Garden of Time, the Celtic Tree Calendar, a Goth stone circle or Edible Flowers' Garden.

20-metre vista tower is here, so we can have a very far-reaching birds-eye view of the entire complex and its surroundings all the way back to the Baltic Seashore.



Potato Statue

... in the middle of nowhere.

Yes, a potato statue, no trolling. It is located some 20 km from our bird ringing station. Probably the biggest potato monument on the Earth, reaching – together with base – 9 m height. What's more, the name of the tiny village where it is located, means „Devil's Bush“.

The statue itself is so ugly that we don't want to show it here. You have to Google it before you go.



Ideas described here create a kaleidoscope of experiences that you may encounter during your stay with us. We aim for something much bigger than a tourist trip. Those opportunities shift your perspective, sometimes pushing you out of your comfort zone, so that you can learn, see and do something way different, that you have never done before.

The price of the day off is 40 Pounds, regardless of the number of activities. For a single payment you gain access to all of them.

